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COLD STORAGE REPORT
AS OF JULY 1, 1940



Substantial increases were noted in cold storage stocks of practically all commodities during June.

Frozen fruit holdings were increased by 38 million pounds; frozen vegetables by 6 million; creamery butter 55 million; all cheese 27 million; eggs (shell and frozen) the equivalent of 2 million cases; frozen poultry 5 million pounds, and lard holdings by 22 million pounds. Frozen and cured meat stocks were materially the same as a month earlier.

In all classes of products with the exceptions of frozen fruits, frozen vegetables, and creamery butter, July 1, 1940, stocks were heavier than they were on the same date a year earlier and heavier than the 5-year average for July 1.

Again stocks of lard were above those of any period on record.

Increases in commodity holdings are apparently reflected in the amount of refrigerated warehouse space occupied on July 1. Returns from 180 public warehouses indicate that 55 percent of the available net piling space was occupied. This compares with 49 percent of occupancy on June 1. The average occupancy on July 1 was reported as 51 percent for coolers and 64 percent for freezer; increases of 6 percent in each case above the June 1 revised figures.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

#### FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all varieties of frozen fruits were increased during June by 37,992,000 pounds. July 1 holdings, totaling 120,353,000 pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 16,243,000 pounds. Of the fruits, strawberries showed the largest net into-storage movement. The increase in this item totaled 27,204,000 pounds for the month.

Of the total frozen fruits reported 32,648,000 pounds were unclassified by variety.

#### FROZEN VEGETABLES

The net increase in all varieties of frozen vegetable stocks was 6,246,000 pounds. Increases took place in holdings of asparagus, peas, and spinach; all other items indicated decreases. Stocks of peas were increased during the month by 6,883,000, asparagus by 656,000, and spinach by 577,000 pounds. Total stocks of all frozen vegetables were 1,500,000 pounds less than those on hand July 1 a year earlier. Of the 52,641,000 pounds of vegetables reported, 2,441,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

## Contents of July 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on July 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, and Frozen Fruits, by container-size, .... page 3;

Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry, by States, page 6; the monthly report on warehouse space occupancy in cubic feet reported, with comparisons and revised figures for June 1, 1940, and the percentage of space occupied on July 1 (preliminary) and June 1 (revised), page 7; and July 1, 1940, data for all commodities, by geographic regions, pages 8 and 9.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	July 1, 5-yr. av. 1935-39	July 1, 1939	June 1, 1940	July 1, 1940
FRUITS, FROZEN		- Thousa	ands -	
Blackberriespounds Blueberries	Data for these earlier years not compara- ble 88,785	1,431 3,177 7,095 2,394 4,905 49,800 12,068 23,240	2,574 2,938 10,731 1,029 4,218 27,701 14,454 18,716	2,647 2,157 8,342 2,313 4,697 54,905 12,644 32,648
VEGETABLES, FROZEN  Asparagus pounds Beans, Lima " Beans, snap " Broccoli, green " Corn, sweet " Peas, green " Spinach " Other vegetables " Classification not reported " TOTAL "	His- torical data not avail- able	7,499 8,362 4,199 1,027 4,409 19,988 3,038 1,910 3,709 54,141	6,781 9,174 3,902 1,225 4,909 11,075 4,103 2,836 2,390 46,395	7,437 8,283 3,779 1,131 4,290 17,958 4,680 2,642 2,441 52,641

# FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS JUNE 1 and JULY 1, 1940

Commodity			In bulk or large containers (30 lb.or greater capacity)			
	June 1	July 1	June 1	July 1		
		- Thousan	d pounds -			
Blackberries	667 240	120 805 529 925 958 13,411 3,059 2,951	2,448 1,982 10,064 789 3,238 18,642 10,296 18,305	2,527 1,352 7,813 1,388 3,739 41,494 9,585 29,697		
TOTAL	16,597	22,758	65,764	97,595		

The indicated net into-storage movement of creamery butter during June was 55,379,000 pounds. This quantity compares with 47,172,000 pounds moved into storage during the same period of 1939 and 57,909,000 as the 5-year (1935-39) average for July. July 1, 1940, holdings, totaling 80,842,000 pounds, were 50,767,000 below those of July 1, 1939, and 20,439,000 below average. Dairy Products Marketing Association reported that it held no stocks on July 1. The Surplus Marketing Administration (formerly The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation) and relief agencies held 2,153,000 pounds, which leaves 78,689,000 pounds as commercial stocks. This latter quantity compares with commercial stocks of 93,108,000 pounds on hand July 1, 1939, and 92,621,000 for the average. On July 1, 1939, the DEMA held 17,867,000 pounds of creamery butter, and the FSCC and relief agencies 20,634,000 pounds.

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Holdings of all varieties of cheese were increased by 26,920,000 pounds during June. July 1 stocks, totaling 114,475,000 pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 15,625,000 and the aver-

age by 18,467,000 pounds. The movement into storage during the month exceeded that for the same period of 1939 by 7,342,000 and the average movement by 7,510,000 pounds.

The into-storage movement of eggs totaled 1,529,000 cases of shell and 26,414,000 pounds of frozen egg meats, a total case-equivalent accumulation for the month of 2,284,000 cases. July 1 stocks of 7,509,000 cases of shell and 150,207,000 pounds of frozen, totaling the equivalent of 11,801,000 cases, were 782,000 cases greater than those of July 1, 1939, and 717,000 cases above average. The Surplus Marketing Administration holds 933,000 cases for relief distribution.

Contrary to the normal trend for this season of the year, cold storage stocks of frozen poultry were increased. July 1 holdings of 82,389,000 pounds were increased during June by 5,485,000 pounds. The July 1 total exceeded holdings of a year earlier by 14,919,000 and the 5-year average for July by 24,754,000 pounds.

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The classes of poultry showing heaviest increases for the month were fowls, with 4,372,000 pounds, and ducks with 2,754,000. Turkey holdings were reduced by 3,468,000 pounds.

Commodity	July 1, 5-yr. av. 1935-39	July 1, 1939	June 1, 1940	July 1, 1940
CREAM		- Thousa	ands -	1
Forty percent	255	. 257	154	271
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BUTTER	7.07 007	777 (00	05 1167	ao alio
Creamery, totalpounds	101,281	131,609	25,463	80,842
DPMA holdings " SMA* & Relief holdings. "	_	17,867 20,634	257	2,153
Commercial stocks	92,621	93,108	25,206	78,689
Packing stock	404	41	20	23
CHEESE		,		
Americanpounds	80,961	81,262	73,056	96,247
Swiss including block "	3,243	3,698	2,532	2,432
Brick and Munster	1,113	1,305	791	1,979
Limburger"	928	1,480	846	1,178
ALL OUTOL VALLEULOS	96,008	98,850	87,555	114,475
TOTAL CHEESE "	90,000	90,000	01,777	44,41)
Shellcases	7,287	6,977	5,980	1/7,509
Frozenpounds		141,456	123,793	150,207
Frozen 2/equivalent cases	3,797	4,042	3,537	4,292
TOTAL EGGS 3/cases	11,084	11,019	9,517	11,801
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilerspounds	5,567	6,722	3,635	4,826
Fryers	2,747	3,395	2,163 6,199	1,762
Roasters"	7,055 10,171	7,821	11,821	16,193
Turkeys"	15,547	17,373	40,207	36,739
Ducks "	4,248	4,931	2,252	5,006
Miscellaneous poultry "	12,300	13,545	8,528	10,619
Unclassified frozen poultry "	4/	4/	2,099	2,638
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY "	57,635	67,470	76,904	82,389

The Surplus Marketing Administration (formerly The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation).

Includes 932,865 cases owned by The Surplus Marketing Administration for relief distribution. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

4/ Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

SPECIAL NOTE: 80 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of July 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 31 percent; Yolks - 24 percent; and Mixed - 45 percent.

## MEATS AND LARD

Little change from June 1 was indicated in total stocks of all frozen and cured meats.

Stocks of beef were reduced by about 7 million pounds; pork holdings were increased by 4½ million, and miscellaneous items were increased by about 2 million pounds.

Beef stocks were 12 million pounds above those of July 1 a year ago and about a 1/2 million above the 5-year (1935-39) July 1 average.

Pork holdings were 100 million pounds heavier than those on hand July 1, 1939, and 122 million above average.

Lard stocks again reached an all time record. The 306 million pounds on hand on July 1, 1940, were 157 million pounds greater than July 1 1939 stocks and 1752 million above average for July 1.

Commodity	July 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	July 1, 1939	June 1, 1940	July 1, 1940
BEEF		- Thousand	pounds -	
Frozen. In process of cure. Cured. TOTAL BEEF.	30,578 9,505 5,460 45,543	21,885 8,448 3,258 33,591	42,199 7,668 3,326 53,193	35,839 7,326 2,863 46,028
PCRK Frozen.  Dry salt in process of cure.  Dry salt cured.  Pickled in process of cure.  Pickled cured.  TOTAL PORK.	142,150 44,007 37,069 152,872 98,574 474,672	183,870 54,438 37,134 144,107 77,247 496,796	260,243 46,066 39,029 146,579 100,658 592,575	261,320 51,709 40,636 144,333 99,076 597,074
LAMB AND MUTTON -	1,931	1,837	3,463	3,261
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL Frozen and cured	61,845	68,452	77,184	79,513
TOTAL MEATS	583,991	600,676	726,415	725,876
LARD	130,204	148,377	283,937	<sup>2</sup> 305,714 <sup>8</sup>

# HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, JULY 1, 1940

	1:			<b></b>	~	,		
State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.		
			- Tho	- Thousands -				
Massachusetts Other States	6	4,061 750	1,478 146	132 42	2,473 848	6,485 378		
NEW ENGLAND		4,811	1,624	174	3,321	6,863		
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	181 14	8,376 3,939 4,301	10,336 3,770 1,245	751 567 380	6,972 6,839 4,562	17,638 10,143 3,519		
MIDDLE ATLANTIC		16,516	15,351	1,698	18,373	31,300		
Ohio. Indiana. Illinois. Michigan. Wisconsin. EAST N. CENTRAL.	15 5 2 9	3,447 961 16,790 3,226 2,243 26,667	567 126 5,287 613 53,097 59,690	553 43 2,045 274 75 2,990	9,093 2,444 25,495 1,706 1,611 40,349	902 381 16,150 1,286 491 19,210		
Minnesota. Iowa. Missouri. Nebraska. Kansas. Dakotas.	15 15	7,919 3,973 1,980 1,888 869 1,061	529 37 2,117 618 289	228 164 417 143 249 6	4,617 5,110 25,564 7,578 11,659 112	1,833 751 3,945 4,484 331		
WEST N. CENTRAL		17,690	3,590	1,207	54,640	11,347		
SOUTH ATLANTIC		<b>1,0</b> 55	2,193	175	3,126	1,824		
Kentucky Tennessee Alabama & Mississippi.		373 28 <b>7</b> 150	31.0 499 245	37 173 32	694 1,385 276	856 149 71		
EAST S. CENTRAL		810	1,054	242	2,355	1,076		
Oklahoma		1,047 1,316 416	54 2,787 319	55 <b>121</b> 30	5,466 13,138 1,597	35 509 59		
WEST S. CENTRAL		2,779	3,160	206	20,201	603		
ColoradoOther States		1,003 705	266 2,878	90 47	1,071 248	285 477		
MOUNTAIN		1,708	3,144	137	1,319	762		
Washington. Oregon. California. PACIFIC.		3,251 362 5,093 8,706	499 684 5,258 6,441	201 27 452 680	1,409 450 4,664 6,523	2,477 964 5,963 9,404		
Other States, combined for cream only	9	:						
UNITED STATES	271	80,842	96,247	7,509	150,207	82,389		

# OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

#### UNITED STATES

July 1, 1940, with comparisons

	Number concerns reporting	Available space			Space occupied			
Date		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	
		- Thousand cubic feet -						
January 1 February 1 March 1 April 1 May 1 June 1* July 1**	260 256 250 243 237	100,770 104,785 108,387 114,126 102,321 101,681 77,010	50,119 52,229 50,473 54,707 47,791 47,120 37,752	150,889 157,014 158,860 168,833 150,112 148,801 114,762	44,899 40,424 38,313 44,305 42,914 48,007 42,061	33,185 34,726 32,156 32,186 27,153 27,751 25,190	78,084 75,150 70,469 76,491 70,067 75,758 67,251	

<sup>\*</sup> Revised \*\* Preliminary

### PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

June 1 and July 1, 1940

Geo-	June 1, 1940*				July 1, 1940**				
graphic division	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	
			Percent -			- Percent -			
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic Fact South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	29 28	41 43 63 58 41 47 44 51 25	45 53 59 72 57 70 71 62 57	43 46 62 64 45 53 50 54 32	8 42 36 25 5 1 17 12 34	43 46 75 69 51 50 57 51 24	51 58 69 81 75 57 72 69 59	47 50 73 74 57 51 61 57 34	
United States 1/	237	45	58	49	180	51 .	64	55	

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Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.

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	New England		40 42 42 144 515 155	33 166 14 438 496 251	36 125 208 208 15 15 1,011	187 196 120 51 323 362 315 121
	Commodity	FRUITS, FROZEN In small containers	berries	Blackberries.  Blueborries. Cherries. Logan and similar berries. Stramberries.  Stramberries.  Other fruits.	Blackberries.  Blueberries. Cherries. Logan and similar berries. Raspberries. Strawberries. Other fruits.	Asparaguspounds Beans, Lima. Beans, snap

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	Middle Atlantic		197	16,616	15,351 566 52 265 7,326	1,698	580 220 1,574 7,162 12,664 3,931 4,576 593	6,363 1,137	12,616 1,701 359 9,670 2,768	1,447	10,283	7,477	commercia
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מסבם פוסגום	Commodity	DAIR PRODUCTS	Cream, Forty percent	Butter, creamery 1/pounds  Butter, packing stock	Cheese, Swiss including block  Cheese, Brick and Munster  Cheese, Limburger  Cheese, all other varieties	Eggs, shellpounds	Broilers. Fryers. Foasters. Fowls. Turkeys. Miscellaneous poultry. Unclassified frozen poultry.  FROZEN POULTRY  """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """	Beef, frozenpoundsBeef, in process of cure	Pork, frozen.  Pork, dry salt in process of cure.  Pork, dry salt cured.  Pork, pickled in process of cure.  Pork, pickled cured.	Lamb and mutton, frozen "	Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal	Lard	f holdings,

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